

## McGovern Goes Fishing For Muskie

### Maine Senator May Join Democratic Ticket

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. George S. McGovern talked for two hours with Sen. Edmund S. Muskie last evening about the Democratic vice presidential nomination, Muskie's office announced today.

Muskie has been considered a leading candidate for the second spot on the Democratic ticket.

His office released a brief statement saying the two senators met privately at Muskie's home in Bethesda, Md. "They discussed the fall campaign and the question of a new vice presidential nominee."

Sen. Muskie will have no further comment for the time being," said a brief statement released this morning. McGovern said Thursday three senators have refused anew to accept the vice presidential nomination but said he was having no difficulty finding applications for the job.

He said he'll announce no later than Monday his choice to replace Missouri Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton on the ticket. During that meeting with newsmen in his office, the Democratic presidential nominee bolstered speculation that McGovern said he did not push them on it because he had discussed it with them during the Democratic National Convention, where they first refused.

Although McGovern limited his list of persons already contacted to those three, others who have been mentioned, including Sens. Frank Church of Idaho and Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, and Florida Gov. Reubin Askew, said this week they are not interested.

Speculation over McGovern's next choice is centering around Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, Muskie, who a year ago was considered the favorite for the presidential nomination, has had no comment on the No. 2 spot, which he held on the ticket in 1968.

R. Sargent Shriver, the former Peace Corps director and one-time ambassador to France, has been mentioned in speculation. But McGovern said Shriver has not been contacted about the post.

McGovern met with a dozen newsmen in his Senate office as he attempted to lay to rest increasing speculation that he is having serious trouble getting a suitable running-mate.

As he denied those reports, McGovern said he is purposely taking his time in recommending a successor to Eagleton, who was persuaded by McGovern to withdraw from the ticket following disclosure that he had been hospitalized for depression stemming from nervous exhaustion and fatigue in 1960, 1964 and 1966.

"I can assure you the decision is being made the way it should be, with care and deliberation," McGovern said.

McGovern criticized the present system of selecting vice-presidential candidates, calling it "a major gamble." He said presidential candidates are exhausted and rushed by the time they win their own nomination but "must get a vice-presidential nominee within a matter of hours."

The Democratic standard-bearer said he will ask party Chairman Jean Westwood to recommend that the party's charter committee investigate new ways to pick the vice-presidential nominee.

The Democratic National Convention will be held in Miami, Fla., Sept. 1-4.

### Car Sales Set July Record

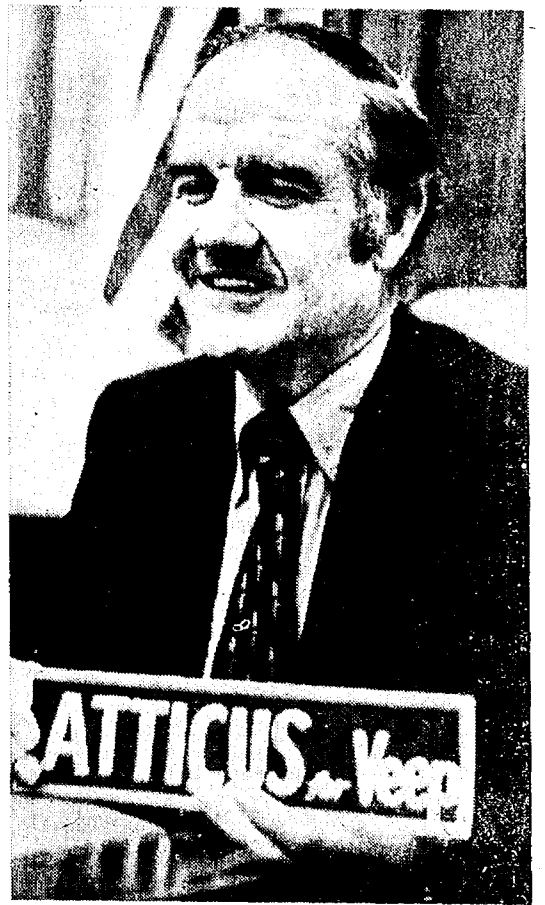
DETROIT (AP) — Sales by U.S. auto manufacturers broke all-time July records last month, opening 1972's second half in the wake of a spectacular six months in which they rolled up new sales and profits records.

Passenger car import sales, both foreign and domestic, were down in the U.S. market for the second month in a row and in comparison with 1971's first seven months.

But July's combined sales of 891,382 units helped establish a new, January-to-August record of 6.2 million, thus giving every indication 1971's full-year mark of 10.2 million will be topped.

### Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at the shoreline today is 49 degrees.



DOGGONE: Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern holds a "Atticus for Veep" sign as he meets with newsmen Thursday in the Capitol. McGovern is without a vice presidential running mate and maybe Atticus would be a good one — but as it turns out Atticus is McGovern's Newfoundland Retriever. (AP Wirephoto)

### Youngest Republican

BUCHANAN — Michigan Republicans can probably lay claim to a first in the current drive by both major political parties to attract youth.

Following in the footsteps of his father, formerly of Buchanan and grandparents of Buchanan, young John William Gnodtke of Bath became a dues paying member of the state GOP at the tender age of six hours old.

John was born July 25 at Lansing and his father, William H. Gnodtke, who is on the Republican staff of the Michigan House of Representatives, promptly put up the cash for a special \$3 membership.

John's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gnodtke of Buchanan, are well known in GOP circles. He is a former Berrien county supervisor and Mrs. Gnodtke is a member of the state central committee.



JOHN W. GNODTKE

## ADC Dads' Payments Showing Big Increase

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Payments through the Berrien friend of the court from fathers with children on ADC totaled \$383,795 for the first seven months of 1972, up \$202,381 from the same period a year ago.

George Westfield, county friend of the court, released a report Thursday showing payments through July, 1972, totaled \$383,795, compared to

year-ago sums of \$181,413. They are up, he said, because the friend of the court's office has coordinated the efforts of agencies related to payments for children on welfare and because Westfield himself has received the cooperation of many agencies and businesses to find jobs for out-of-work ADC dads.

"It's been a concentrated effort ... to zero in to bring these men forth for ad-

judication," he said.

Payments also are up in part because his office is using more voluntary and court-ordered wage assignments—deductions from dads' paychecks—than ever before, Westfield added.

He noted that payments since November, 1971—he took over as friend of the court then—are \$245,681 ahead of the corresponding period a year before.

The collections represent payments toward the support of children on ADC in Michigan and largely Berrien county.

Child support payments of all types for the first seven months of 1972 totaled \$1,981,310, Westfield reported.

Westfield said agencies cooperating with his office to obtain payments and jobs include the Berrien prosecutor's office, Berrien Social Services department, state employment and vocational rehabilitation agencies, and private employers.

Monthly collections in 1972 ranged from a low of \$47,911 to a high of \$63,047, while year-ago collections ranged from \$19,365 to \$30,000, Westfield's report shows.

### Lakeshore Student Loses Preliminary In Battle Over His Long Hair

An attempt by a student to attend Lakeshore high school this summer without complying with the school dress code met defeat Thursday in Berrien Circuit Court.

Judge William S. White refused to grant a temporary injunction sought by Peter Graber, 17, in order to attend a driver's education course while wearing hair below his collar. Graber is one of eight students already involved in a civil suit filed against Lakeshore high school March 27 in an effort to overturn sections of the dress code which regulate the length of hair for male students and forbid girls to wear blue jeans and shorts. A final hearing is set for August 22.

Graber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Graber, 1547 South

Cherry Drive, Stevensville, was ousted from the driver's education course July 18 for coming to class with his hair tied in a pony tail. He has attended each session since by wearing a wig.

In refusing to grant a restraining order, Judge White ruled that Graber's attorney, Tat Parish, failed to show proof of "irreparable damage" as a result of the dress code.

"To decide for Graber now would be tantamount to a final decision" prior to the August 22 hearing, Judge White said. The ultimate issue involves United States and Michigan constitutions concerning the "validity of dress codes versus the rights of individuals," he explained.

The school failed to put its dress code in written form for the summer session, Parish argued at yesterday's hearing. A temporary restraining order enforcement of the code is needed because the course ends several days before the final hearing, he argued.

Graber testified that he must make up the 90 minutes of class he missed in July and pay an

instructor for the time.

Atty. Thomas Fette argued for the school that Graber has been able to attend the course and is not being deprived of an opportunity to obtain a driver's license.

### Senate Ratifies Treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has ratified a historic treaty limiting the spread of Soviet and American defensive missiles.

The 68-2 roll-call vote Thursday cleared the way for later consideration of the more controversial five-year SALT agreement on offensive nuclear weapons.

The treaty was opposed only by Sens. James B. Allen D-Ala., and James Buckley, Con.-R-N.Y., who contended it is immoral because it causes the United States to forego an available means of defending its population against potential nuclear attack.

Signed by President Nixon and Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev in Moscow last May 25, the treaty limits each nation to 200 antiballistic missiles and just two sites—one at the capital and one in the interior defending an offensive-missile site.

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### Gas Price Hiked

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Power Commission is offering higher rates in an effort to increase domestic natural gas production. It isn't yet clear when or how much prices will go up for consumers.



NEW PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE: Three years in the making, this hand-crafted black Lincoln Continental gets a test drive through Dearborn, Mich. Thursday by an unidentified driver. The limousine made by the Ford Motor Co. will be trucked to Washington in a closed van with a Secret Service escort

and it will be kept under cover until its formal showing in Washington on Tuesday. The auto weighs 5,000 pounds more than a common Continental due to quarter-inch armor in the bottom, roof, and four doors. (AP Wirephoto)

## President's \$500,000 Ford 'Stronger Than Tank'

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — President Nixon's new \$500,000, armor-plated, five-ton runabout will come out of a closed shop today, and be trucked to Washington in a closed van with a Secret Service

escort, according to a Detroit newspaper.

And even if something should happen to the truck, it's doubtful anything would harm the President's limousine inside because, as one worker put it:

"It's as strong as a tank. It is so strong that a bomb would only roll it over."

The taxpayer is only picking up a fraction of the tab for the President's new Ford, however—about a \$5,000 a year lease fee, according to the Detroit Free Press.

Ford has cloaked the hand-made, option-loaded, black Lincoln Continental in a veil of (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

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## Editorial Page

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### Berrien Hospital Tax Plan Does Not Merit Approval

The board in control of Berrien county's extended care facility and hospital at Berrien Center is asking county voters to provide millions of dollars in new property taxes for expansion, remodeling and operation of the dual institution's hospital section. Nominal purpose is better medical care for Berrien's indigents.

The hospital expansion is ill designed to serve the county's poor either best or most conveniently. The twin tax proposals could wind up costing millions more than a superficial examination of the millage schedule indicates.

This newspaper strongly recommends that both the building bond and operating tax propositions be rejected when they come up for decision on next Tuesday's primary ballot.

The county hospital board has recommended expansion of its acute care facility despite the advice of every professional medical consultant who ever surveyed the Berrien Center institution. Two said bluntly the acute care (hospital) section should be closed down. Another said a complete comprehensive health care plan for Berrien should be drafted before any spending on the hospital is considered.

Just last month, the board of directors of the Southwestern Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning Association withheld endorsement of the Berrien millage and bond proposals. The board said more study and planning is needed to assure that taxpayers will get the most and best health care for their dollars.

The Berrien hospital board wants three-tenths of a mill for 19 years to subsidize hospital operating losses. And it wants another estimated four to five-tenths mill for seven years to amortize a \$2.25 million building bond issue.

If Berrien's equalized valuation remains at its present \$820 million, the twin taxes would probably raise about \$7 to \$7.5 million. But if equalized valuation rises as fast as inflation has pushed it the past 20 years—about a 300 per cent increase—then the three-tenths mill operating subsidy could produce perhaps double the \$4.7 million it would raise on present valuation. And taxpayers can bet they'd never hear the county hospital board saying they didn't need the extra money.

"Open end" financing is only one objectionable feature of the expansion plan, and not the worst. Far more objectionable is the fact that the expansion plan is a poor way to take care of the poor. There are better means available.

Medical services—surgery, obstetrics and other acute care procedures—should be provided at the population centers where they arise, not at the remote, hard-

to-reach Berrien Center location. The county has plenty of hospital beds available at such centers in the form of non-profit general hospitals in Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Niles and Watervliet.

Thirty-five per cent of Berrien hospital's admissions in 1971 came from the Twin Cities area. Why should these patients, just because most of them are poor, be forced to go to remote Berrien Center for treatment when they have excellent general hospitals within easy distance? The same question can be asked about poor patients at the south end of Berrien county.

If the county spends money on indigent health care, it should be spent on staffed, out-patient clinics—a central one in the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities area, probably a smaller satellite clinic in Niles, possibly a third in central Berrien. There already exist excellent hospitals where the patients are; it's pointless to build a new hospital where the patients aren't.

Will the non-profit hospitals take the poor? The answer is that they do—more by far than Berrien General. In 1971, for example, the best available statistics show that Benton Harbor's Mercy hospital alone took care of about double the number of Medicaid and working poor patients that Berrien General did. Memorial hospital in St. Joseph just about matched Berrien General; Niles' Pawating hospital was about 25 per cent behind. Watervliet Community hospital took on a significant share, too, considering its limited size.

There's another myth being promulgated by someone in connection with the campaign to remodel the Berrien Center hospital. That myth is the contention that the extended care facility (for ailing, elderly poor) will somehow be threatened if the twin tax proposals don't pass. The truth is that none of the money is earmarked for that section, which is by far the larger of the two activities conducted at Berrien General.

Do these same elderly, ailing poor need a hospital in their own building? No. Several private extended care facilities in Berrien county do an excellent job of caring for patients without being in or next door to a hospital. So good in fact that Berrien General's own caseload of elderly patients has steadily declined the past three years—from 190.7 average daily census in 1969 to 159.1 in 1971. And charges are comparable.

Berrien county does need to pay attention to the health needs of its poor. And the task is going to cost some money. But the program to spend millions remodeling 73-bed Berrien General doesn't fit any sound pattern. Voters should reject it.

### Getting And Spending

One of the battlegrounds in the presidential campaign will be the issue of fiscal responsibility, for the federal budget has never been so far out of balance, except in wartime, as it has been during the last four years.

President Nixon, in a sharp message to Congress, is blaming the Democrats for the budget deficits, which now total \$80 billion since he took office, and has said he will veto any future legislation which requires what he considers excessive spending.

The deficit for fiscal 1972, which ended June 30, was \$23 billion. The deficit for the current year is now projected for \$35 billion, considerably more than the President proposed in his budget message.

The reasons for the increase are obvious. The leader was the 20 per cent increase in Social Security benefits, which the President signed with regrets.

Congress now wants to put 18 months of revenue sharing payments into one fiscal year, and the President asked for, and will face little opposition on, a measure to provide \$1.6 billion in emergency flood relief.

Nixon in his Congressional message said that inflation can be curbed only if federal spending is held down, and promised to veto legislation with large price tags no matter what the political situation. Along with the President's message came a statement from Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, who said he views increasing federal deficits as "ominous."

The point is that taxes cannot remain at their present levels unless the deficit is reduced. Federal spending is running more than out of hand.

Whether the President can convince the public of this, however, is another question entirely and he won't get any help from the Democrats.

### Man Bites Mosquito

It has always been said that the ultimate newspaper story would be about a man biting a dog. What about a man stinging a mosquito? In Australia, scientists are doing just about that in an effort to isolate the germ carrying polyarthritis, a disease similar to rheumatic fever.

Using a needle three-thousandths of an inch in diameter, the insect is given the shot of the virus in the thorax and then left for 10 to 15 days so the researchers can discover if it multiplies and if the mosquito is guilty of spreading the disease.



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### STEVENSVILLE MAN IS LISTED

—1 Year Ago—

A Stevensville resident, first chief of a newly-created state health drug abuse program, will appear in the "Outstanding Young Men of America" annual biographical compilation for 1971.

Dennis M. Seeley, 28, of 1012

West Cedar trail, will be one of about 5,000 men age 21 to 35 included in the 1971 publication in November, according to the biographical compilation's director.

#### BRIDGE HEARING

SEPTEMBER 4

—10 Years Ago—

A hearing to entertain objection to St. Joseph's request

to limit ship passage through the Blossomland bridge will be accepted by the U.S. Corps of Engineers up to Sept. 4.

The Corps of Engineers said that the city of St. Joseph has requested that the bridge be kept closed six times a day ranging from 20 to 80 minutes so as not to obstruct traffic flowing out of the highly industrialized edgewater district. Shippers have protested that even a short wait is expensive and many are expected to protest.

#### AXIS DEFENSES TREMBLE UNDER

—29 Years Ago—

Fresh American troops sparked the final allied drive in Sicily today while the German high command threw in fighter-bombers rushed from other fronts in an attempt to prevent the retreat of wobbling axis ground forces from turning into a rout.

Field dispatches said the enemy's 55-mile Mt. Etna line was shuddering under one of the greatest concentrations of naval, aerial and artillery fire in the war.

#### NEW PRICES

—39 Years Ago—

Dry cleaners of the twin cities are announcing a new scale of prices, the action being connected with the NRA blanket code. The new prices are graduated upwards from a price of 75 cents for women's dresses.

#### OFF TO CAMP

—49 Years Ago—

Boy Scout activities are in full swing at Camp Hatch and 30 boys were at the camp for the first week. The camp has a capacity of 50 boys.

#### CHOIR OUTING

—59 Years Ago—

The Congregation choir will go to Camp Warren for a ten-day outing as reward for faithful services during the year. All expenses are being paid out of the church club fund.

#### OUT-OF-TOWNERS

—79 Years Ago—

There was an immense crowd on the bluff Saturday afternoon, over 2,000 coming from Chicago by boat and from Elkhart, Ind., by special train.

### Wallace Faithfuls Struggle On

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The American party appeared ready today to nominate Republican Rep. John Schmitz of California for president, but a movement to draft Alabama Gov. George Wallace still flickered.

"If you want to draft Gov. Wallace, that's your prerogative," national chairman Coleman Andrews told the 2,000 delegates in an emotional speech Thursday. "I would hope you find it advisable to respect his wishes."

Andrews read a telegram from Wallace to the delegates Thursday night in which the governor reiterated he would not be a candidate "under any circumstances."

But short of irrefutable evidence that Wallace would reject a draft, American party leaders could not squelch the final effort.

### Black Wins Nomination In Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee Democrats have nominated their first black candidate for Congress, State Sen. J.O. Patterson, who defeated three white opponents in the state's primary election. Patterson's victory Thursday set up a match in the general election this fall with Republican Rep. Dan Kuykendall, who now represents the realigned 8th District.

The all-Nashville 8th was made heavily black and more Democratic when Tennessee lost one of its nine districts due to redistricting.

Sen. Howard Baker, a Republican seeking his second term, will be opposed this fall by conservative Democrat Ray Blanton in a contest that will have overtones stemming from the Democratic presidential race.

Mrs. Vere Bowman  
1248 Seneca Road  
Benton Harbor

#### WHISKEY BOTTLES LEFT IN POST OFFICE

Editor,  
"What are whiskey bottles doing in the lobby of the post office?"

"Are the postal employees drinking on the job? What does the postal inspector say about this sort of thing?"

These are questions I heard from a postal patron last week. My answer was: "I have seen pondering that problem ever since I started working at the post office four years ago."

Apparently someone has a beef against the post office in Benton Harbor and is using this as a way of showing his spite.

That's right, not only are whiskey bottles left in the post office lobby but a full complement of wine bottles and beer cans as well.

Who does this sort of thing? And why can't he leave them in a trash barrel across the street. It is quite apparent that this act is deliberate and not a coincidence.

The only consolation I have is that this does not happen too often; and when these cans and bottles are left they are placed in one of the trash cans in the lobby.

What do you think has happened to the respect that the general public used to have for a public building government or otherwise?

Clifton L. Platt  
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Benton Harbor

#### READER OPPOSES GUN CONTROLS

Editor,  
I read an item in the Friday 28 edition of this newspaper, by a Mr. William Henry, on gun control. I believe he said, they are trying to pass a law which would take a private persons only way they have of protecting themselves and their families. He might not have used those same words, but to me and many others, no doubt, it would mean all the same. What is many a husband and father going to feel like, having to go to work and leave their wife and little children, with no way of protecting themselves, and children from the kind of

Bruce Blosson

### Veep Selection Is Careless



WASHINGTON (NEA) — A glaring lesson of the Thomas Eagleton affair is that, despite all pretense to the contrary, we still don't pick our vice presidential nominee with the necessary great care and thought.

After John F. Kennedy was assassinated, many shocked politicians in both parties were heard to say that this tragedy underscored the need to choose vice presidential prospects not for short-range political value but strictly on their qualifications for the White House.

Whereupon Sen. Barry Goldwater, in naming New York Rep. William Miller as his running mate less than a year later, seemed to offer in explanation only this: "He gives Lyndon Johnson fits."

And Johnson himself, picking Sen. Hubert Humphrey, was reported to be less concerned with Humphrey's established talent and experience than with heavy pressures from the Democratic party's liberal wing.

Humphrey's 1968 choice, Sen. Edmund Muskie, came out of a typical pressure-cooker situation, with the beary-eyed presidential nominee and his beary-eyed advisers hastily weighing prospects. At the time, Muskie seemed a wise selection. But his faltering response to the demands of the 1972 campaign raised grave doubts.

President Nixon in 1968 did in fact take more time in choosing. He had sifted names for weeks, and had actually

chosen Spiro Agnew at least 10 days before the Republican convention at Miami Beach.

Yet, curiously, he felt it necessary to go through the accepted charade of appearing to choose his men by listening to volumes of last-minute advice.

Furthermore, Nixon's judgment was heavily political. Agnew was seen as a "bridge candidate," a man with a northern urban background but bearing a conservative strain pleasing to the South. The feeling that George Wallace could not make Agnew a target was not a small consideration.

So now we come to Eagleton, another product of high-pressure haste, culled from a list of 30 names.

The senator says he might have told Sen. George McGovern of his medical history but that he did not have time to think on that "hectic day." McGovern's campaign manager, Gary Hart, says it took nearly a week to assemble all the details of all Eagleton's record of hospitalization and treatment for nervous exhaustion and fatigue.

These utterances can only be put down as confessions of laxity. Any observer knows that the California delegate credentials challenge put the McGovern forces under great strain in the final days leading to his nomination. But it does not make sense that they did not detach one or two able men to sift out vice presidential names and investigate, with deliberate care, the top choices.

Marianne Means

### McGovern Drive Loses Momentum



WASHINGTON — The Eagleton caper has cost the Presidential campaign of Sen. George McGovern much in loss of credibility and momentum, but perhaps most damaging of all is the waste of precious time.

This may well be the crucial period when McGovern's inactivity could mean the election.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Jean Westwood exulted recently that the great asset McGovern had now over Sen. Hubert Humphrey in 1968 was more time to plan and to prepare. (Humphrey was nominated for President in late August, and rushed into his campaign immediately, without the luxury of leisurely organization).

But Westwood spoke before Sen. Thomas Eagleton dropped his little health bomb. Now nine or ten days have been lost, and the clock is still ticking.

Instead of concentrating on unifying the party and plotting state organization, McGovern has been preoccupied with the question of his Vice President. He has been unable to start fund-raising efforts, because this has not been a favorable psychological moment and because nobody was certain whose name to use as second man. He has been talking to state politicians about a matter that was supposedly settled at the convention rather than about how to carry their states.

The worry has been about personalities rather than issues. The focus has been not on the new Presidential nominee, who is not very well known nationally even now, but on the troubles of a Vice Presidential nominee.

"We need to get about the business of the campaign," Westwood said plaintively on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Meanwhile, as McGovern's campaign machinery idled, President Nixon and his troops were extremely active. The President called a rare press conference and declined to discuss Eagleton, thereby contrasting his own stability and statesmanship with McGovern's confusion. The President had a pleasant golf game with his sometime foe, AFL-CIO President George Meany, who has declined to support McGovern this year.

Nixon campaign officials were giving optimistic interviews right and left. A hurry-up White House drive, led by Presidential Assistant Charles Colson, to win financial and public support from former backers of Sen. Hubert Humphrey was meeting considerable success.

Humphrey's chief fundraiser in California, Los Angeles lawyer Eugene Wyman, indicated he has already lost more than half his list of traditional Democratic contributors to Nixon. In New York, White House foreign policy adviser Henry Kissinger spoke at a private luncheon for liberal Jewish contributors who had preferred Humphrey; afterward there were many promises of support for Nixon.



"The thing I like about this game is, if you come close, it counts!"

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## School Board Takes BH Tax Issue To Public



E. E. (BILL) BENTLEY  
'A Critical Issue'

### Meetings Begin Next Wednesday

The Benton Harbor board of education will conduct a series of eight public meetings on the school district's request for additional operating millage. A proposition for 3.5 mills in operating taxes will be on the ballot in an election Aug. 21. Board President E. E. (Bill) Bentley said board members regard passage of the millage as "very critical to maintain

present operations." Bentley said the district's budget already has been cut by nearly \$300,000 to keep the millage request at 3.5. "We just can't operate present programs without the \$600,000 the 3.5-mill levy will produce. We are holding these meetings to bring the facts to voters." The first public meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, at senior high school library at 7:30 p.m. Each of the meetings in the series will start at 7:30 p.m. and last one hour, Bentley said.

The rest of the schedule: Thursday, Aug. 10 — Simultaneous meetings: Sodus school for residents of the Sodus-Stump attendance area; and Johnson school for residents of the Millburg-Johnson attendance area. Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Fairplain junior high.

Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Simultaneous meetings at Seely McCord school; and Pearl school for residents of the Sorter-Pearl attendance area. Thursday, Aug. 17 — Simultaneous meetings at Hull school; and Lafayette school for Lafayette-North Shore residents.

Because of the primary election Aug. 8, paper ballots will be used in the school district election Aug. 21. Voting machines cannot be cleared in time for the school election.

## Motorcycle Hits Dog; 2 Berrien Teenagers Hurt

Berrien sheriff's deputies reported two teenagers were injured yesterday when the motorcycle on which they were riding struck a dog and then flipped.

The driver, Donnie D. Blevins, 16, Route 3, Defield road, Coloma, and his passenger, 16-year-old Sonja R. Kunst, 546 M-140, Watervliet, were treated and released at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.

Deputies said Blevins sustained a chipped tooth, cuts to the chin, and scrapes on the arm, hand, and leg. Miss

Kunst, officers reported, sustained bruises to the face, hand, and shoulder.

Deputies stated the cycle was on Martin road near Hagar Shore road in Hagar township when a dog darted in front of the vehicle at 9 p.m. Officers said when the cycle struck the dog, both riders were thrown off the bike.

The dog, owned by Greg Totzke, of Martin road, Coloma, was taken care of by its owner, deputies indicated. A two-car accident in Berrien township at 9:38 a.m. yesterday injured two women, according to sheriff's deputies.

Treated for minor cuts and released at Berrien General hospital were the driver of one car, Donna J. Griffin, 23, of Takoma Park, Md., and her passenger, Julia Villa, 22, Dowagiac.

Officers said the Griffin auto was westbound on Dean Hill road when a vehicle driven by William C. Thorne, 28, 110 Parkway East, Berrien Springs, collided with it at the intersection of Huckleberry road.

Deputies said Thorne was not injured, but was issued a ticket for failing to yield the right of way.

Benton township police said Linda R. Coffel, 20, of Mary's hotel, Benton Harbor, sustained cuts in an accident at 9:21 p.m. yesterday.

Police stated the Coffel auto was eastbound on Napier avenue when a car driven by William L. Harman, 30, of 1762 Commonwealth road, St. Joseph township, southbound on Union street, collided with the vehicle at the intersection.

Officers said Harman was issued a summons for failing to yield the right of way.

## Woman Asks For Attorney

A woman wanted for murder in Chicago petitioned for a court appointed attorney yesterday in Berrien Fifth District court on a charge of being a fugitive.

Linda Wells, 34, Chicago, Ill., alias Marva Johnson, Amanda Mason, Linda Jackson and Linda Wade, is wanted by the Chicago police department on a murder warrant. On July 29, she was found at 600 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, when police were summoned there by a resident alleging that the Wells woman was voicing threats at her.

A fugitive hearing will be held in District court on whether or not to extradite her to Chicago. Wells is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

## BH Man Draws Prison Sentence

A Benton Harborite drew a prison term on an assault conviction and a Berrien Springs man went to jail on probation violation charges Thursday in Berrien circuit court.

Judge William S. White sentenced William Erby, 41, of 698 East High street, to a 1½ to 4-year prison term with credit for 72 days on Erby's guilty plea to an assault with a dangerous weapon charge.

It alleged he assaulted George Fulton with a .22-caliber revolver last May 24 in Benton Harbor's Hall park. Erby in pleading told the judge he shot Fulton.

Judge White ordered a 135-day jail stay—with credit for 131 served—for Steven Lewis Cooper, 20, of First street, after Cooper pleaded guilty to charges of violating a two-year probation by missing a monthly report and failing \$240 in arrears on fine and costs.

Cooper's probation was set April 2, 1971, on a larceny in a building conviction.

## Monkey Will Be Tested

COLOMA — A small monkey which bit a four-year-old boy yesterday afternoon and was then killed by Coloma township police will be tested for rabies today by Berrien county health officials.

Bitten on the finger while trying to capture the monkey was Christopher Durfee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durfee, Paw Paw Lake road, Coloma township, according to township police.

Police said the monkey was first reported loose in the Paw Paw Lake road area Tuesday. Officers said they did not know where the monkey came from, who owned it, or what species it was.

The monkey was shot and killed about 5 p.m. after several attempts to catch it were unsuccessful, police reported.

## Tentative Accord Reached

SOUTH HAVEN — A tentative agreement between the South Haven board of education and the South Haven Education association was announced yesterday by the negotiating teams for each group.

The board of education said it will act on ratification of the one-year agreement at its Aug. 14 meeting. Information concerning the agreement will be released after ratification by both parties, according to Supt. S. O. Norlin and teacher representative W. W. Hampton.



MAIDS IN A ROW: The owner, manager and sales girls stand in front of the Hang Up, new womens clothing store they staff in the Fairplain Plaza. The Hang Up opened in mid-April and plans its grand opening for this fall. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. Barbara Bublick, co-

owner; Connie Shearer, manager; and sales girls Sue Bublick, Nancy Polishuk, Tracy Smith, Diana Ciaravino, Linda Smith and Jacki Fair. The store specializes in junior girls size clothing with lines from Florida and California and imports from Canada. (Staff Photo)



'HANG UP': This view of the unusual interior decor of the Hang Up women's store shows clothes hanging by chains from wooden cross beams—giving the store its name. Store was named Hang Up by its owner Mrs.

Barbara Bublick because it was a word young people identify with. Art work on wall is original creations by Chuck Irvin of Coloma. (Staff Photo)

## Stevensville Lets Contract To Replace Storm Sewer

The Walter E. Heyn and Sons Excavating company, of Bridgman, last night got the nod from the Stevensville village council to replace the village storm sewer bladed for standing water in the backyards of south St. Joseph avenue residents.

Heyn submitted the low bid, \$6,937, for replacement of 578 feet of 12-inch drain with 24-inch drain. Other bidders were Yerington and Harris, of Benton Harbor, \$7,261; and G & G construction, of St. Joseph, \$9,260.40.

The village had earlier reached an agreement with trailer park developer Allen Grams to share the cost of rebuilding the drain, with the village paying two thirds and Grams one third, since Grams' trailer park has been blamed for altering the drainage pattern in the area and overloading the old drain.

Mrs. Melba Stampohar, wife of former village president Conrad Stampohar, brought out that the job had not been

advertised generally. Barney Yaslick, village street administrator and trustee, said in responding to a question by Mrs. Stampohar that he had informed some contractors of the availability of the job by telephone, and that advertisements had not been placed.

In other action, the council granted a building and remodeling permit to John

Collins, Stevensville attorney, for a service station which he has bought for use as an office. The station is located at the corner of John Beers road and St. Joseph avenue.

The board voted to ask the county to repaint center lines on John Beers road, and to have village employees paint crosswalks at the intersections of John Beers road and St. Joseph avenue, and St. Joseph

avenue and Kimmel street.

Dell Gault, assistant street administrator, was authorized by the board to rent a power sweeper to sweep gravel from village intersections, to determine whether renting such a machine would make possible economies over hand sweeping.

On the recommendation of William Heyn, Jr., of the council's police committee, village policeman Richard Beck was given a 25 cent per hour raise, to \$3 per hour. Heyn and councilmen Yaslick, Charles Kerlikowske, Donald DeMorrow and Richard Kramer voted for the measure.

Councilman George Ritter voted against, saying that Beck, who was hired last month, should not be given a raise so little time for evaluation.

The council also okayed buying a \$91.47, 12-gauge riot gun for the village police car.

The board approved the purchase of two new vehicle radios for the Tri-Unit fire department. The village's share of the cost is to be \$360.

## SJ Zone Change Approved

### Real Estate Office Building

St. Joseph Planning Commission Thursday recommended Multiple Listing System and Southwest Michigan Board of Realtors be granted a zoning change to enable them to build a new headquarters.

The two organizations propose a two-story office and conference room facility on Lake Shore drive just south of Hilltop road in St. Joseph.

The two real estate sales organizations sought a zoning change from the present A-2 residential to C-2 commercial. The property is bounded on two sides by industrial property. The recommendation of the planning commission will go to the St. Joseph City Commission.

The planning commission turned down a request by Ace Plumbing Co. of St. Joseph to revise zoning at 703 Columbia avenue to permit construction of a duplex. The planners told a representative of Ace Plumbing that if all property owners on Columbia sought a zoning change at one time it probably would be approved.

Burton Baker, chairman of a special committee studying parking rules and regulations, said his committee had run into so many technical questions they will have to first spend time defining terms before attempting a review of regulations or writing a report.

## Absentee Deadline Saturday

The deadline to apply for absentee ballots for the Aug. 8 primary is 2 p.m. Saturday, Mrs. Evelyn Grenawitzke, Benton Harbor city clerk, announced today. An extension until 4 p.m. Tuesday will be granted to emergency cases.

The deadline is the same in all governmental units in the area.

### RELEASED

THREE OAKS — Mrs. Agnes Brockway has been released from Walters hospital, Michigan City.

## Tax Issue On Tuesday's Ballot

# County Hospital Board Figures Disputed

A mounting verbal battle over the millage proposals for Berrien General Hospital on the Aug. 8 ballot swung back today to the administrators of the four private general hospitals in Berrien County.

They responded today with a reply to statements contained in a news release issued by the BGH board of trustees Wednesday. The trustees' release had been in response to an earlier statement by administrators in opposition to the millage until a countywide health care plan can be

developed.

Additionally, Robert A. Bradburn, one of the four administrators, took exception to statements in a brochure distributed county-wide by the Berrien General trustees. Bradburn, in this case, was speaking as chairman of the Tri-County Hospital Administrators.

Both statements follow, the one by the four administrators first, and Bradburn's statement second:

Administrators statement:

The four Berrien County private hospital administrators have read with interest the recent statement of the trustees of Berrien General Hospital in response to our stand approving the health planning association's opposition to the tax millage proposals for Berrien General.

We would prefer to cooperate fully in the development of a comprehensive health care delivery system for all the citizens of Berrien County rather than become involved in an altercation with the Berrien General Board of Trustees. Such

a confrontation will be detrimental to the best interests of the citizens of Berrien County.

It would seem, however, that our position on the issue has been challenged and some reply is in order.

1. STATEMENT: Berrien General has gone on record as being eager to cooperate with other area hospitals in planning.

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## Berrien General Officials Outline Hospital's Needs

Edward Mattix of St. Joseph, chairman of the Berrien General hospital trustees, and Hospital Administrator Richard Goodman today issued a release dealing with the need for two millage proposals for the hospital that will appear on the primary ballot next Tuesday.

One proposal, which will appear as Proposition No. 2 on the ballot, seeks .3 of a mill to help meet operating expenses. The levy would run through 1990, or 19 years. Proposition No. 3 is a \$2.25 million bond issue which would be paid for by a seven-year annual levy of .4 to .5 of a mill.

According to Mattix, the money from the operating millage levy would be used to offset the hospital's annual operating deficit. He also pointed out that the millage, which is asked for up to 19 years, would be reduced or discontinued should part or all of the levy become necessary. The bond issue, if approved by county voters, would be used to make permanent physical improvements required by the State Department of Public Health if the hospital's license is to be renewed in October.

Mattix explained that Berrien General's present financial crisis is due to an

annual operating deficit in recent years which has eaten away the hospital's financial reserves. "We're faced with state orders to make major improvements or close the hospital," he said. "And we just don't have the money."

Both the regular hospital operation and the long-term care facility have been losing money, according to Richard Goodman, the hospital's administrator. He also pointed out that Berrien General does not receive county funds for operating expenses.

Goodman traced the loss in the regular, or acute care, portion of Berrien General's

operation to unpaid or only partially-paid hospital bills, pointing out "most of the no-pay and semi-pay patients are county residents whose incomes are too high for them to be eligible for welfare, Medicaid or Medicare." "However," he continued, "their incomes are too low for them to be able to afford private health insurance—or to be able to pay their hospital bills."

According to Goodman, all area hospitals care for a number of people who are eventually unable to pay all or part of their hospital bills. However, he said, Berrien General has a much larger percentage of "no-pay" or "semi-pay" patients. More than one-quarter of Berrien General's regular (acute care) patients are uninsured and unable to personally pay their bills. Goodman said the acute care facility lost more than \$75,000 during its last fiscal year because it provided \$151,000 worth of free care to these "working poor" patients. The hospital's financial problems are compounded by an almost equal loss in its extended care facility.

"We lost \$71,140 in our extended care operation last fiscal year," Goodman said. He traced this loss to the 1970 change in the Medicaid reimbursement plan which lowered the program's payment to the hospital to less than the full cost of the long-term care provided.

More than 85 per cent of the patients treated in Berrien General's extended care facility rely on Medicaid to pay their long-term hospitalization cost.

Goodman cited a 40 per cent cut in extended care losses from the previous fiscal year. "But," he said, "we can't cut

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MRS. NANCY WATERS  
Seeks MSU Post

## Ex-Dowagiac Woman Bids For MSU Post

Mrs. Nancy Waters, former Dowagiac resident and Niles high school student, campaigned across Berrien county Thursday in her bid to become the first black woman trustee of Michigan State University. She currently holds two Democratic party state offices. She is administrative assistant to State House minority leader

William Ryan and corresponding secretary of the Democratic state central committee. Mrs. Waters also has been the state legislative chairman of the NAACP.

Mrs. Waters, 30, now living in Muskegon, believes her biggest asset as a trustee, if elected, would be her ability to communicate with students. "I took courses at MSU as recently as last winter, so I am still in touch with the students," she said. She believes a shortcoming of college trustees is that most of them haven't attended a college for more than 20 years.

"I believe there are some courses that can be effectively taught in two or three years instead of the four years now required by colleges," she said.

Mrs. Waters fears the growing costs of education are driving many potential students away from campuses. She said she has talked with professors who know of ways to save money on faculty salaries. She wants to explore these money saving methods and "make the most of every dollar spent on education."

Five persons are seeking two trustee positions, including two incumbents. To gain the trustee spot, Mrs. Waters must be nominated at the Democratic state convention Aug. 27 in Grand Rapids and then voted into office in the November general election.

### In Kazoo Hospital

WATERVLIET — Otto Helweg, 73, retired United States Naval Reserve commander, has been admitted to Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo. Helweg, 352 Pleasant street, Waterliet, is also known for his work as a scout and 4-H leader, and as a school teacher.



WALTER E. SCHIRMER  
Another Job

## Schirmer Elected To Board

JACKSON — Walter E. Schirmer, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Clark Equipment company, Buchanan, has been elected to the board of directors of Hayes-Albion corporation, a Jackson-based firm.

Schirmer joined Clark Equipment as a patent counsel in 1937. Ten years later he became a vice president and marketing manager of the industrial truck division. He subsequently was named to the board, the executive vice presidency and, in 1963, the presidency.

Hayes-Albion supplies the automotive industry with a variety of products including engine fans, disc brake parts, dashboard panels and window assemblies. Its sales in the year ended July 31 were reported in excess of \$100 million.

PHONEGRAMS are fun to play and may win you valuable prizes. Today's game appears on page 21. Adv.

## Keeler Township Man Announces As Write-In

KEELER — Richard Johnson of Sister Lakes has announced he is challenging incumbent John Gillesby for the Republican nomination for Keeler township supervisor in the Aug. 8 primary election. Johnson, 32, said he is waging a write-in campaign because the present township board hasn't been responsive to the wishes of local people in areas of zoning, road maintenance

and health problems. Gillesby, supervisor since 1968, is a graduate of Michigan state university and is owner and operator of the Sturdy Stuff Wooden Toys company at Keeler lake.

Gillesby was appointed supervisor to fill out term of Gene Kays when Kays resigned to become Van Buren county equalization director. He was elected to his current term in



RICHARD JOHNSON  
Write-in candidate

1970. Johnson is a manufacturing engineering at Rudy Manufacturing company in Dowagiac and a Keeler township resident for 19 years. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological university and a navy veteran.

The announcement meant that residents would decide one contest in the primary balloting. None of the candidates previously had any opposition.

## Judges Named For Gladiolus Festival Parade

COLOMA — Judges for the Coloma Gladiolus Festival parade slated for 1 p.m. Saturday were announced today by Mike Dilts, parade chairman.

Judging this year's parade, comprised of over 115 units, will be Mrs. Lois Young, Waterliet; Tom Taube, WKZO-TV sports editor; and Wilbert Smith of Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Young, the former Miss Gladiolus of 1949, is active in Blossomtime events and assists her husband with his business the Don Young Insurance Agency.

Taube, a former Benton Harbor resident, is well known to area residents having worked at WHFB, WSJM, radio stations and WSBT-TV, South Bend, Ind., before moving to Kalamazoo.

Smith, former longtime mayor of Benton Harbor, is currently running for a county commissioner position in the November election.

Highlighting the parade, will be the appearance of the Maple City Cadets of LaPorte, Indiana. The 55-member drill team have been Indiana State Champions for several years.

Included in the parade will be 13 floats from surrounding communities and Indiana, antique cars and marching

units.

The parade will begin at 1 p.m. from the corner of Washington and Park streets, travel down West street to Leedy street, and turn onto Church street and continue northward to Paw Paw street (downtown Coloma) to Morrison street and return to the starting point. Parade lineup time will be 12 noon.

Ten parade awards will be given out at the corner of Park and Washington streets at the conclusion of the parade.

## Law Spells Out New Criteria For Stolen Goods

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A purchaser of stolen goods at less than half their actual value, will be legally presumed to know they were stolen unless he can prove otherwise, under legislation signed Thursday by Gov. William Milliken.

The new law will take effect next April.

The bill, introduced by Rep. James Del Rio, D-Detroit, calls for a similar assumption if the goods have altered registration or identifying numbers.

The new law, Milliken said, aims at reducing the market for stolen goods and, therein, thefts.

## Specially Trained Berrien Sheriff's Posse

# Warren Dunes To Get Mounted Police

Berrien County Sheriff's Posse members will become the first mounted police to patrol Warren Dunes State Park south of Bridgman beginning in September. More than 30 possemen, all deputized but unpaid volun-

teers, have been training since July 11 to patrol the 1,500-acre Lake Michigan dunes park some weekdays and every weekend through October in a pilot project, according to Tom B. McCall, a Berrien sheriff's deputy and director of the county Office of Emergency Preparedness.

If successful, such patrols may be applied countywide, he said.

Posse members will increase the park's usual law officer complement of 1 to 4 conservation officers and 3 to 5 park rangers, depending on season and day of week.

Horsemen have been restricted to bridle trails in state parks by the Department of Natural Resources in the past. But the DNR is allowing possemen to patrol Warren Dunes because "we feel the remote areas of the dunes do not have adequate law enforcement or emergency aid, and that's a role we believe the possemen can fill," according

to James Andrus, park manager.

McCall said he and Andrus developed the posse park patrol idea last March during talks on park emergency capabilities. The idea won the blessing of Berrien Sheriff Forrest "Nick"

Jewell and the DNR, and possemen began training with sheriff's department certified instructors July 11, McCall said.

He noted they're bonded, sworn deputies with full police powers.

"But they are at Warren Dunes to help, too, as when a bather cuts his foot or when a young camper is lost," McCall said.

Possemen will have trained in park rules, state law, information-gathering, search of

arrested persons, lifesaving, and firearms and handcuff use before mounting patrols. They also will be familiarized with the park.

In fall and winter they'll receive more advanced training, McCall said.

## Probate Court Filing Fees Rise

Cost-of-living increases are even hitting persons who file papers in court.

The tab for filing certain petitions in Berrien probate court rose recently from \$5 up to \$7, District and circuit court fees rose earlier, according to Berrien Probate Judge Ronald Lange.

"And they're going to go up again the first of October," he added.

"It costs more to do business and the state needs more money."

He indicated, however, that probate court users have been receiving generous treatment. The last hike was about 1964.

Probate court filing fees go to a probate judge retirement fund.

## Community Visitation Schedule Announced

SOUTH HAVEN — New schedules for visiting area communities have been announced by the South Haven Army recruiting office.

New times will be, by community:  
Bangor — Tuesday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m., at the public library.

Decatur — Wednesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m., at the Webster Memorial library.

Hartford — Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the First Saving Center.

Recruiters may also be contacted at the South Haven station, 556 Phoenix street, or by calling them there collect.